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Leading Industry Analyst Firm Names Progress Actional as a Leader in SOA Governance Magic Quadrant

BEDFORD, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS), a leading enterprise software provider that enables companies to be operationally responsive, today announced that the Progress® Actional® product family has been positioned in the leaders quadrant of the October 2011 Gartner "Magic Quadrant for SOA Governance Technologies'.

According to this Gartner Magic Quadrant report published on October 17, 2011 and authored by Paolo Malinverno and Darryl C. Plummer: "SOA governance is about tracking and monitoring the artifacts of an SOA, enforcing and ensuring compliance with the policies associated with the artifacts and measuring the outcomes related to their use."

A critical component of both the Progress Responsive Process Management™ suite and the Progress Responsive Business Integration™ suite, the Progress Actional product family provides best-in-class, policy-based, service management and governance that complements in-place processes and standards-based technologies. The Actional product family includes SOA management solutions that provide the end-to-end visibility, policy-based governance and performance monitoring, which is needed to manage an SOA in a distributed, multi-platform environment.

The Gartner Magic Quadrant report also states that "The vast majority of clients approaching the SOA governance market today are not looking for just a repository for designing services or a few security policies to make sure some services are consumed only by the right entities. They are also looking for a comprehensive technology partner to cover SOA artifacts from planning to retirement and to assign a changing set of policies throughout their lifecycle. Hence, the focus of this Magic Quadrant is on comprehensive solutions and vendor viability becomes paramount, as SOA projects last several years."

Hub Vandervoort, chief technology officer, enterprise infrastructure, Progress Software commented: "We're delighted that Gartner has recognized the Progress Actional product family. Using Actional, enterprises can move beyond SOA to build an agile, service-based application environment. Additionally, it enables enterprises to successfully run and deliver operational responsiveness incrementally to connect people, functions, and computing resources across and beyond enterprise boundaries. These best-in-class visibility and monitoring features are among the key components sought out by many Progress customers. Additionally, the Actional product, which includes several patent-protected capabilities, provides the foundation for the Progress Responsive Process Management suite."

Customers using the Progress Actional product family include Cablevision, Credit Suisse, Partners, and IHG (InterContinental Hotel Group). For more information on Progress Actional, visit http://web.progress.com/en/actional/index.html.

The Magic Quadrant by Gartner, Inc.

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